The Dallas Express: The Champion of Black Texas

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Founded in 1892, The Dallas Express was one of the most important and influential Black newspapers in the South. For decades, it served as the primary voice for the African American community in Texas, covering the news, social events, and political struggles that the mainstream white press ignored or misrepresented.

The Express was a fearless advocate for civil rights, campaigning against lynching, segregation, and voter suppression. It provided a platform for Black intellectuals, business leaders, and activists, fostering a sense of unity and resilience in the face of systemic oppression. Its pages are a vital record of Black excellence and resistance in the Jim Crow South.

The paper ceased publication in the 1970s, a victim of changing economic realities and the integration of mainstream media. However, the historical value of The Dallas Express cannot be overstated.

In writing *The Dallas Express: A Living Archive*, I was deeply moved by the courage of its editors and reporters. They risked their lives to tell the truth. Preserving this archive is essential to understanding the full scope of American history.

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